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LETTER DATED 12 NOVEMBER 1999 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a press release issued in Antwerp, Belgium, on 7 November 1999 following a meeting between a representative of the Chairman of the Committee and representatives of the International Diamond Manufacturers Association (IDMA). The meeting took place as a follow-up to my meeting with IDMA in July 1999 and in preparation for my possible participation in the IDMA World Diamond Summit, as referred to in my report of 28 July 1999 (S/1999/829, annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter, together with its annex, were circulated to members of the Security Council for their information and issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Robert R. FOWLER
Chairman
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 864 (1993)
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Annex

Press release issued by the International Diamond Manufacturers Association in Antwerp, Belgium, on 7 November 1999

Having expressed great concern, during the July 1999 meetings of the International Diamond Manufacturers Association (IDMA) in Moscow, at the consequences of the ongoing conflict in Angola, IDMA representatives, increasingly concerned by the devastation, initiated a meeting with a representative of the Canadian Ambassador, Robert R. Fowler, chairman of the United Nations Security Council's committee on Angolan sanctions. IDMA will continue to work closely with the United Nations and its two expert panels in order to achieve greater compliance with sanctions against the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola. IDMA is also working within the diamond community to ensure that there is zero tolerance in respect of any violation of the Angola sanctions. IDMA commends the work of Global Witness in bringing this issue to the world's attention and we will continue a regular dialogue with that body. IDMA cannot stress enough the importance of all diamantaires taking responsibility in ensuring that the diamond industry fully complies with Security Council resolution 1173 (1998) of 12 June 1998 and all United Nations resolutions intended to bring about a peaceful resolution to the Angolan conflict.